



Data Points

RESULTS FROM THE 1997 CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S HEALTH SURVEY

In almost all aspects of health care, differences occur among members of different income and racial/ethnic groups. In order to be most effective, older women need to have a mammogram at least every two years.

The 1997 California Women's Health Survey collected data on both income and race/ethnicity. This analysis includes women age 40 and older who have never had breast cancer. Scientific studies have shown that to be effective, women in this age group need to have a mammogram at least every two years. Mammography rates differ among racial/ethnic groups. However, analyzing the data by both income and race/ethnicity shows even greater disparities among racial/ethnic groups according to their income. Low income women are defined as women at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

- Low income women in every racial/ethnic group except Asian/Other are less likely than women with

higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.

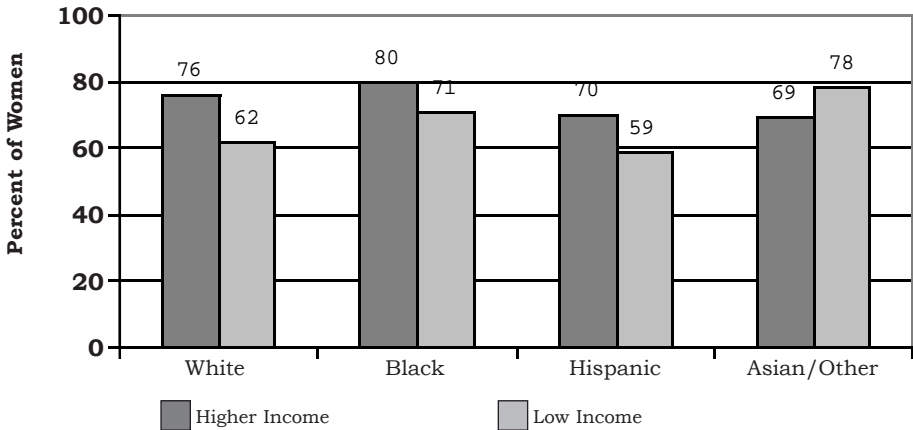
- Asian/Pacific Islander women with incomes at or below 200% of the FPL were more likely to have had a mammogram within the past two years. Because the questionnaire was administered in English and Spanish only, these results may not be representative of the Asian/Other female population.
- Among low income women, Hispanics were least likely to have had a mammogram within the past two years compared with other racial/ethnic populations.

Both race/ethnicity and income influence whether or not a woman had a mammogram within the past two years. However, the relationship between income and the likelihood of having a mammogram appears to be different among Asian/Other women.

MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING AMONG WOMEN AGE 40 AND OLDER, BY INCOME STATUS AND RACE/ETHNICITY; CALIFORNIA, 1997

Cancer Control Branch

Women Who Had A Mammogram Within the Past Two Years, By Race/Ethnicity and Income Status, Women Age 40 and Above; California, 1997



Note: Low-income women are defined as women who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

Public Health Message:

Messages for regular mammogram screenings should target low income women, and especially Hispanic females, since they have the lowest percent of their population being screened.

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